

Provincetown International Baccalaureate World (IBW) Schools
School Committee Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes April 13, 2020

Due to the restrictions put in place by the governor, this meeting was held through teleconference.

1. Call to Order - 3:11 pm

2. Roll Call - Eva Enos, Liz Lovati, Adrianna Stefani, Ngina Lythcott, Penny Sutter,

Staff present: Suzanne Scallion (Superintendent), Timothy Reynolds(Principal) Jeff Slater (Vice Principal/Special Education Director), Edgar Miranda (Early Learning Center Director), Jennifer Paine, Rebeca Yeaw, Bonnie Schumacher.

3. Public Comments None

4. Review Minutes Penny made a motion to accept the minutes with typo corrections Ngina seconded, Minutes approved 5-0-0

5. Teacher presentations: by Rebeca Yeaw, Bonnie Schumacher and Jennifer Paine

Rebecca Yeaw shared how distance learning is going with her and her 3-4 year old students. The students have a class every morning and activities to complete at home. In addition, Ms. Yeaw texts and emails families daily.

Bonnie Schumacher shared her collaboration with Rebeca's class on distance learning. She has contact with families and checks in with them regularly.

Jennifer Paine shared her experience with her students. She was very familiar with online learning for 2 years before joining Provincetown schools. Her ability to understand how distance learning works was not a difficult change for her. Her 5th grade class is there and ready to learn and connect with her daily.

Education Update on Remote Learning during COVID-19:

Dr. Scallion shared that the school is working hard at having families and students view technology as a tool for learning and not just as a use for gaming and social media. The teacher's time is important to students and is not considered "screen time" but instead to get students through this pandemic and to address their social and emotional wellbeing as well as learning. They have also let families know that PBS is offering programming because they know there are children who are using the TV more than usual.

Dr. Reynolds reported that the MYP classes will begin weekly parent reports to encourage student attendance in class and monitor the work they are producing. He is also meeting with teachers at the PYP level and shared how the teachers are individualizing instruction and connecting with students to move them forward. He has received supportive feedback from parents. PYP teachers shared that they are in daily communication with families and so glad that that connection is getting stronger. Students are assigned an advisor to help parents

Jeff Slater. Shared that the Special education teachers and paraprofessionals (referred to as ESPs now - Educational Support Personnel) are creatively using the technology to have students be serviced. Paraprofessionals are using the breakout room option to work with students after lessons are presented, so they can work 1-1 for targeted support. Weekly reports are submitted to him with service delivery minutes and contact with parents. They will be holding IEP meetings online beginning next week.

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6. Superintendent's Update - Dr Scallion

Dr Scallion shared that her quote in the Independent was inaccurate. She requested another story to correct the misinformation they printed, which was agreed upon.

Community Support: Stop & Shop made baskets for students and they were delivered to the families. The Easter Bunny also traveled around. It's been wonderful to see the community step up to support the kids too.

School Reopening: Dr Scallion is hoping the students will be able to come back together before the end of school to reconnect and then move on to Summer activities and Summer school.

State Meeting: MASC is updating policies and reaching out to districts. The Educational budget for many districts in the state are . Layoffs will be happening throughout the state.

Budget: Dr. Scallion is carefully monitoring to gauge how much can be returned to the town's general fund.

Town: Dr. Scallion attends town meetings with all the departments 3x a week through Zoom.

School Meetings: The (JETS) the administration meets daily at 9 and again at 3, to be sure the teachers and programs are moving forward.

Graduation: Graduation is postponed as are the trips.

School Vacation: Eva brought up the vacation. We had school begin immediately so we will adhere to the calendar. We closed on a Friday and were presenting distance classes to students the following Tuesday, after using the 5 snowdays.

7. New Business

7.1 Superintendent Compensation: A discussion was held on the additional time our superintendent is working. Her hours are no longer part time(.6). The State is waiving the regulations for retirees' working hours due to COVID-19.

- A motion was made by Liz, to compensate Dr. Scallion for 2 extra days per week for up to a total of 29 days paid per diem through the end of this school year. Adrianna seconded. Motion approved 5-0-0.

7.2 Student evaluation during Covid-19

MCAS has been cancelled, that will save the state 30 million dollars. Dr. Scallion is expecting we, as all other districts, will have to catch up. She is awaiting more guidance from the State once they recalibrate the curriculum.

7.3 Superintendent Evaluation - Dr. Scallion encouraged the committee to consider moving forward with the evaluation .

A motion was made to postpone the Superintendent evaluation to August 31st by Eva. Adrianna seconded. Motion approved 5-0-0

7.4 Superintendent contract renewal notice due by May 31 which is the date that we must receive written request from Dr. Scallion.

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7.5 Other MASC Policies - Penny reviewed 11 different areas that MASC has identified as of possible concern. Policies related to Testing seem to be the only area that may need to be addressed before the end of the school year. Dr. Scallion already identified this same need for guidance from the State.

8. PSC Comments: The committee is thankful for the JETS their leadership and the support of teachers working to be sure we not just survive but thrive though this. We appreciate the efforts put forth to execute the distance learning. Thanks sent to the community for supporting our children.

9. Adjourned: A motion to adjourn at 4:14 made by Eva, Adrianna seconded. Vote 5-0-0 approved.

Next meeting Monday, April 20 3:00pm

Minutes by Penny Sutter